REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Watan and other alienated lands—occupancy rights—extension of time upto 31st December 1974 to claim—orders.

READ:—

1, Government Order No. RD 1 PKA 57, dated 1st November 1958 as modified by the order No. RD 1 PKA 57, dated 15th April 1959 directing the procedure to be followed for the disposal of resumed watan lands, the regrant of which had not been obtained by the holders of watans vested under the Bombay Paragana and Kulkarni Watan (Abolition) Act, 1950.

2. Government Order No. RD 53 INM 59, dated 29th March 1961, directing that—

(1) lands resumed under the Bombay Service Inams (Useful to Community) Abolition Act, 1953 due to non-payment of occupancy price by the ex-inamdars within the statutory period, be granted to the respective actual cultivators under the same terms and conditions laid down in orders read at 1 above;

(2) the said lands may be granted to the *ex*-inamdars on crediting occupancy price equal to double the amount which he would have to pay if he had paid the same within the statutory period, provided the said land is being cultivated by the *Ex*-Inamdar himself from the date the Bombay Service Inams (Useful to Community) Act came into force till the date of grant of the land to him; and

(3) the lands resumed under the Bombay Paragana and Kulkarni Watans (Abolition) Act, 1950 for non-payment of occupancy price within the statutory period may be granted to the watandars, if they are cultivating the lands personally from the date on which that Act came into force till the date of granting the lands to them continuously—

(4) the above grant will be inalienable and impartiable tenure and also to the ceiling limit prescribed under the Bombay Tenancy and Agricultural Lands Act, 1948.

3. Government Orders No. RD 4 IPK 65, dated 26th July 1966, No. RD 4 IPK 67, dated 25th July 1967, dated 6th April 1968, allowing a time limit of one year from 26th July 1966 and again six months from 26th July 1967 and further one year from 27th January 1968 for payment of occupancy price by persons entitled to the grant of lands resumed by Government under the Bombay Paragana and Kulkarni Watan (Abolition) Act, 1950 and Bombay Service Inams (Useful to Community) Abolition Act, 1953.

4. Government Order No. RD 61 INM 64, dated 23rd December 1965 directing the disposal of lands resumed under the Bombay Merged Territories Miscellaneous Alienation Abolition Act, 1955, subject to the payment of Occupancy price and rent as detailed therein.

5. Government Order No. RD 42 INM 67, dated 17th July 1968, prescribing a time limit of one year from the date of that order for payment of occupancy price prescribed in respect of lands resumed under the Bombay Merged Territories Miscellaneous Alienation Abolition Act, 1953

6. Government Order No. RD 47 INM 73, dated 28th January 1974 and 6th March 1974 prescribing time limit upto 30th June 1974 for crediting the occupancy price in full by the cultivators in respect of the lands which stood vested in Government under the provisions of the Bombay Paragana and Kulkarni Watan Abolition Act, 1950, the Bombay Service Inams (Useful to Community) Abolition Act, 1953 and the Bombay Merged Territories Miscellaneous Alienation Abolition Act, 1955, subject to the condition that interest at Re.1/-per annum shall be charged on the arrears of occupancy price outstanding on the previous prescribed dates *i.e.*, 25th January 1969 and 16th July 1969.

7. Government Order No. RD 51 INM 72, dated 10th October 1972, prescribing the time limit upto 31st December 1972 for the payment of occupancy price by the persons eligible for the regrant of the watan lands in deserted villages as detailed in that order.

8. Government Order No. RD 28 JHR 57, dated 6th January 1960 laying down the principles for the disposal of Gajendragad Saranjam Lands and G.O. No. RD 26 ISJ 69, dated 13th February 1969, extending the time limit for payment of occupancy price for a further period of six months from 15th November 1969 in respect of Gajendragad Saranjam Lands.

Under the following enactments the previleged tenure on lands in Bombay-Karnataka area have been abolished.

(1) The Bombay Paragana and Kulkarni Watan Abolition Act, 1950,

(2) The Bombay Personal Inams Abolition Act, 1952.

(3) The Bombay Service Inam (Useful to Community) Abolition Act, 1953.

(4) The Bombay Merged Territories and Areas (Jagir) Abolition Act, 1953.

(5) The Bombay Merged Territories Miscellaneous Alienation Abolition Act, 1953.

(6) The Bombay Saranjam Jagirs and other Inams of Political Nature Resumption Rules, 1952.

After the expiry of the statutory period prescribed under those Acts/Rules for claiming the regularisation of occupancy rights and payment of occupancy price on the Lands vested under those respective Acts/Rules, Government had extended the time limit from time to time subject to several other conditions. It has been represented to the Government that there is yet a large extent of land in respect of which the claim has not been made and occupancy price has not been paid by the concerned persons mostly due to ignorance of law and that therefore the time limit might be extended for some more period.

After examing the matter in all respects and on further consideration it is decided that a sympathetic view should be taken in these casses and extend the time for claiming occupancy rights as a last chance.

ORDER NO. RD 47 INM 73, BANGALORE DATED THE 17/29TH APRIL 1974.

Sanction is therefore, accorded extending the time limit upto *31st Decemoer 1974* for claiming the occupancy rights by the cultivators (tenants or holders) in respect of the lands vested under the Act/Rules detailed in the preamble, subject to the following conditions :—

(1) the grants shall be made subject to the conditions that have been prescribed by Government from time to time in respect of regrants of land under each of the Acts/Rules.

(2) the claimant should credit along with his claim petition a sum equivalent to 50 per cent of the occupancy price on the land and the remaining sum should be credited within 30 days from the order of the re-grant.

2 The Tahsildars of taluks should prepare a statement showing the *ex*-watan and other alienated lands which vested under the above Acts/Rules in respect of which the occupancy rights have not been claimed so far, or occupancy price has not been paid and by issuing a notice to the cultivators by talking to the cultivators, when they visit the villages, make them aware of the facilities now extended and see that the extent of unclaimed watan land is reduced and the cultivators obtain the occupancy rights, in respectof as much area as possible. If even inspite of the measures now made, the cultivators still remain lethargic, the Tahsildars should build up records and forward them to Assistant Commissioner for declaring the lands as a Government waste land and for their disposal under the Land Grant Rules, 1969.

3 The Divisional Commissioner, Belgaum Division, Belgaum, is requested to take all possible steps to reduce the extent of unclaimed watan and other alienated lands and see that the lands are disposed off by grants to occupy rights or under the Land Grant Rules.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka,

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